



**2017 School and Special Purpose District Mail Ballot
Election Dates for Use on [Mail Ballot Election Timetable](#)**

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NOTE: Review [13-1-502\(4\)](#) and [\(5\)](#), MCA, for information regarding cancelling a special district election and [20-3-313](#) MCA for information regarding cancelling a school election.

Activity	Deadline
Copy of the following sent to the governing body: 1) written plan; 2) written statement informing the governing body of the decision to conduct the election by mail ballot; 3) list of reasons for the decision; and 4) statement regarding the right of the governing body to object under 13-19-204 , MCA	No date set by law, but should be at least no later than 60 days before election
Submission of written plan to SOS*	Enter the actual date submitted; must be received by SOS not later than Friday, March 3, 2017 , 60 days before the election
Last day for governing body to opt out	55 days before the election is March 8 .
Publish notice of close of registration and availability of late registration (For school elections, provide close of registration annual election notice or special election notice at least once between 40 th and 30 th day before election. For non-school elections, publish notice at least 3 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of registration, once per week.)	School Election: At least once 40 – 30 days before election: choose and enter at least one date between March 23 and April 2 . <hr/> Non-School Election: At least 3 times, once per week, between March 6 and April 2
Publish notice of election (For school elections: 20-20-204 , MCA: notice must be published at least once between 40 and 10 days before the election in a newspaper (if there is one in the district) and in 3 public places in the district, and for 10 days prior to the election, on the district's website, if the district has an active website For non-school elections: 13-1-108 , MCA.)	School Election: At least once 40 – 10 days before election in a newspaper: choose and enter at least one date between March 23 and April 22 . <hr/> Non-School Election: At least 3 times, once per week, between March 23 and April 22
Close of regular registration	April 3 (the 30th day before the election falls on a Sunday, so the deadline for registration moves to Monday).
Beginning of late registration	April 4 (the day after the close of registration)
Date ballots mailed	Choose and enter a single day between April 12 (20 days before election) and April 17 (15 days before election).
Date of election	May 2, 2017

*Please email your plan, timetable, and instructions to soselections@mt.gov.